What is claimed is:

- 1. A portable telephone with an originator
- 2 acknowledge function, comprising:
- 3 an originator confirmation button and response
- 4 button;
- 5 response mode control means for controlling a
- 6 response mode to an originator confirmation mode in
- 7 which only reception is possible when said originator
- 8 confirmation button is operated, and controlling the
- 9 response mode to a normal response mode in which both
- 10 transmission and reception are possible when said
- 11 response button is operated;
- 12 display means for displaying a calling number
- 13 received in terminating operation;
- 14 channel control means for activating said
- 15 response mode control means and connecting a channel in
- 16 the originator confirmation mode in accordance with an
- 17 operation of said originator confirmation button in
- 18 terminating operation;
- message sending means for sending a first
- 20 message prompting a response of an originator to the
- 21 channel when the channel is connected in the originator
- 22 confirmation mode; and
- 23 monitor means for outputting a speech signal
- 24 of the originator from the channel to a recipient via a
- 25 receiver after the first message is sent,

- 26 wherein said response mode control means
- 27 switches the response mode from the originator
- 28 confirmation mode to the normal response mode when said
- 29 response button is operated during the originator
- 30 confirmation mode.
 - 2. A portable telephone according to claim 1,
 - 2 wherein
 - 3 said portable telephone further comprises
 - 4 timer means for measuring a predetermined time after the
 - 5 first message is sent, and
 - 6 said channel control means disconnects the
 - 7 channel when said timer means measures the predetermined
 - 8 time.
 - 3. A portable telephone according to claim 1,
 - 2 wherein
 - 3 said portable telephone further comprises
 - 4 timer means for measuring a predetermined time after the
 - 5 originator confirmation mode starts, and
 - 6 said channel control means disconnects the
 - 7 channel when said timer means measures the predetermined
 - 8 time.
 - 4. A portable telephone according to claim 1,
 - 2 wherein
 - 3 said portable telephone further comprises a

- 4 channel disconnection button, and
- 5 the channel is forcibly disconnected
- 6 immediately after said message sending means sends a
- 7 second message representing rejection of a response when
- 8 said channel disconnection button is operated during the
- 9 originator confirmation mode.
 - 5. A portable telephone according to claim 1,
- 2 wherein
- 3 said portable telephone further comprises a
- 4 calling number registration memory for registering a
- 5 calling number in advance,
- 6 said channel control means connects the
- 7 channel in the originator confirmation mode a
- 8 predetermined time after terminating operation when a
- 9 calling number received in terminating operation is not
- 10 registered in said calling number registration memory,
- 11 and
- said message sending means sends the first
- 13 message to the channel after the channel is connected.
 - 6. A portable telephone according to claim 1,
- 2 wherein
- 3 said portable telephone further comprises a
- 4 transmitter and receiver for transmitting and receiving
- 5 speech to and from the originator via the channel, and
- 6 said response mode control means enables only

- 7 said receiver in the originator confirmation mode, and
- 8 enables both said transmitter and receiver in the normal
- 9 response mode.
 - 7. A portable telephone according to claim 6,
- 2 wherein said monitor means outputs the first message
- 3 sent to the channel from said receiver to the recipient.
 - 8. A portable telephone with an originator
- 2 acknowledge function, comprising:
- 3 an originator confirmation button for
- 4 confirming an originator;
- 5 a response button for setting a normal speech
- 6 communication state;
- 7 display means for displaying a calling number
- 8 received in terminating operation;
- 9 channel connection means for connecting a
- 10 channel in accordance with an operation of said
- 11 originator confirmation button and response button in
- 12 terminating operation;
- message sending means for sending to the
- 14 channel a message prompting a response to the originator
- 15 in accordance with an operation of said originator
- 16 confirmation button in terminating operation;
- monitor means for sending a speech signal
- 18 received via the channel to a receiver for a
- 19 predetermined time and performing monitor operation

- 20 after the message is sent; and
- 21 transmission/reception means for setting a
- 22 speech communication state in accordance with an
- 23 operation of said response button during monitor
- 24 operation.